

ROO

- ROO'MY, *adj.* [from *room*.] Spacious; wide; large.
 With *roomy* decks, her guns of mighty strength,
 Deep in her draught, and warlike in her length. *Dryden*.
 This sort of number is more *roomy*; the thought can turn
 itself with greater ease in a larger compass. *Dryden*.
 ROOST. *n. f.* [from *roost*, Saxon.]
 1. That on which a bird sits to sleep.
 Sooner than the matten-bell was rung,
 He clasp'd his wings upon his *roost*, and sung. *Dryden*.
 2. The act of sleeping.
 A fox spied out a cock at *roost* upon a tree. *L'Estrange*.
 Large and strong muscles move the wings, and support the
 body at *roost*. *Derham's Physico-Theology*.
 To ROOST. *v. n.* [*roosten*, Dutch; of the same etymology with
roft.]
 1. To sleep as a bird.
 The cock *roosted* at night upon the boughs. *L'Estrange*.
 2. To lodge. In burlesque.
 ROOT. *n. f.* [*rot*, Swedish; *rood*, Danish.]
 1. That part of the plant which rests in the ground, and sup-
 plies the stems with nourishment.
 The layers will in a month strike *roots*, being planted in a
 light loamy earth, mixed with excellent rotten soil, and sifted.
 Evelyn's Kalendar.
 When you would have many new *roots* of fruit trees, take
 a low tree and bow it, and lay all his branches flat upon the
 ground, and cast earth upon them, and every twig will take
 root. *Bacon's Natural History*.
 A flower in meadow ground, amellus call'd;
 And from one *root* the rising stem bestows
 A wood of leaves. *Dryden's Virgil's Georgicks*.
 In October, the hops will settle and strike *root* against
 spring. *Mortimer's Husbandry*.
 2. The bottom; the lower part.
 Deep to the *roots* of hell the gather'd breach
 They fasten'd. *Milton*.
 These subterraneous vaults would be found especially about
 the *roots* of the mountains. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth*.
 3. A plant of which the root is esculent.
 Those plants, whose *roots* are eaten, are carrots, turnips,
 and radishes. *Watts*.
 4. The original; the first cause.
 Why did my parents send me to the schools,
 That I with knowledge might enrich my mind?
 Since the desire to know first made men fools,
 And did corrupt the *root* of all mankind. *Davies*.
 Whence,
 But from the author of all ill, could spring
 So deep a malice, to confound the race
 Of mankind in one *root*. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. ii.
 The love of money is the *root* of all evil, is a truth uni-
 versally agreed in. *Temple*.
 5. The first ancestor.
 It was said,
 That myself should be the *root*, and father
 Of many kings. *Shakespeare, Macbeth*.
 They were the *roots*, out of which sprang two distinct
 people, under two distinct governments. *Locke*.
 6. Fixed residence.
 That love took deepest *root*, which first did grow. *Dry*.
 7. Impression; durable effect.
 Having this way eased the church, as they thought of su-
 perstition, they went on till they had plucked up even those
 things also, which had taken a great deal stronger and deeper
root. *Hosker, b. iv. f. 14*.
 To ROOT. *v. n.* [from the noun.]
 1. To fix the root; to strike far into the earth.
 Her fallow leas
 The darnel, hemlock and rank fumitory
 Doth *root* upon. *Shakespeare, Henry V*.
 Underneath the grove of lycamour,
 That westward *rooteth*, did I see your son. *Shakespeare*.
 The multiplying brood of the ungodly shall not take deep
rooting from bastard slips, nor lay any fast foundation. *Wisd.*
 After a year's *rooting*, then shaking doth the tree good, by
 loosening of the earth. *Bacon*.
 The coulter must be proportioned to the soil, because, in
 deep grounds, the weeds *root* the deeper. *Mortimer*.
 2. To turn up earth.
 To ROOT. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
 1. To fix deep in the earth.
 When ocean, air, and earth at once engage,
 And *rooted* forests fly before their rage,
 At once the clashing clouds to battle move. *Dryden*.
 Where th' impetuous torrent rushing down
 Huge craggy stones, and *rooted* trees had thrown,
 They left their couriers. *Dryden's Æneis*.
 2. To impress deeply.
 The great important end that God designs it for, the go-
 vernment of mankind, sufficiently shews the necessity of its
 being *rooted* deeply in the heart, and put beyond the danger of
 being torn up by any ordinary violence. *Southey*

ROR

- They have so *rooted* themselves in the opinions of their
 party, that they cannot hear an objection with patience. *Watts*.
 3. To turn up out of the ground; to radicate; to extirpate.
 He's a rank weed,
 And we must *root* him out. *Shakespeare, Henry VIII*.
 Soon shall we drive back Alcibiades,
 Who, like a boar too savage, doth *root* up
 His country's peace. *Shakespeare, Timon of Athens*.
 The Egyptians think it sin to *root* up or to bite
 Their leeks or onions, which they serve with holy rite.
Raleigh's History of the World.
 The royal husbandman appear'd,
 And plough'd, and sow'd, and till'd;
 The thorns he *rooted* out, the rubbish clear'd,
 And blest th' obedient field. *Dryden*.
 4. To destroy; to banish.
 Not to destroy, but *root* them out of heav'n. *Milton*.
 In vain we plant, we build, our stores increase,
 If conscience *roots* up all our inward peace. *Granville*.
 ROOTED. *adj.* [from *root*.] Fixed; deep; radical.
 Pluck from the memory a *rooted* sorrow,
 Raze out the written troubles of the brain. *Shakespeare*.
 The danger is great to them, who, on a weaker founda-
 tion, do yet stand firmly *rooted*, and grounded in the love
 of Christ. *Hammond's Fundamentals*.
 You always joined a violent desire of perpetually changing
 places with a *rooted* laziness. *Swift to Gay*.
 ROOTEDLY. *adv.* [from *rooted*.] Deeply; strongly.
 They all do hate him as *rootedly* as I. *Shakespeare*.
 ROOTY. *adj.* [from *root*.] Full of roots.
 ROPE. *n. f.* [*rop*, Saxon; *reep*, *roep*, Dutch.]
 1. A cord; a string; a halter.
 Thou drunken slave, I sent thee for a *rope*,
 And told thee to what purpose. *Shakespeare, Com. of Err.*
 An anchor, let down by a *rope*, maketh a found; and yet
 the *rope* is no solid body, whereby the found can ascend. *Ba.*
 Who would not guess there might be hopes,
 The fear of gallows and *ropes*
 Before their eyes, might reconcile
 Their animosities a while. *Hudibras*.
 I cannot but confess myself mightily surprized, that, in a
 book, which was to provide chains for all mankind, I should
 find nothing but a *rope* of sand. *Locke*.
 Hang yourself up in a true *rope*, that there may appear no
 trick in it. *Arbutnot's History of John Bull*.
 2. Any row of things depending: as, a rope of emen.
 To ROPE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To draw out into viscosities;
 to concrete into glutinous filaments.
 Such bodies partly follow the touch of another body, and
 partly stick to themselves: and therefore *rope* and draw them-
 selves in threads; as pitch, glue and birdlime. *Bacon*.
 In this close vessel place the earth accur'd,
 But fill'd brimful with wholesome water first,
 Then run it through, the drops will *rope* around. *Dryden*.
 ROPE-DANCER. *n. f.* [*rope* and *dancer*.] An artist who dances
 on a rope.
 Salvian, amongst other publick shews, mentions the Pe-
 taminarii; probably derived from the Greek *πεταμινισται*, which
 signifies to fly, and may refer to such kind of rope-dancers.
Wilkins's Mathematical Magick.
 Statius, posted on the highest of the two summits, the
 people regarded with the same terror, as they look upon a dan-
 ring rope-dancer, whom they expect to fall every moment.
 Addison's Guardian.
 Nie bounced up with a spring equal to that of one of your
 nimblest tumblers or rope-dancers, and fell foul upon John Bull,
 to snatch the cudgel he had in his hand. *Arbutnot*.
 ROPEINESS. *n. f.* [from *rope*.] Viscosity; glutinousness.
 ROPE-MAKER, or ROPE. *n. f.* [*rope* and *maker*.] One who
 makes ropes to sell.
 The ropemaker bear me witness,
 That I was lent for nothing but a rope. *Shakespeare*.
 ROPEY. *n. f.* [from *rope*.] Rogue's tricks. See ROPE-
 TRICK.
 What saucy merchant was this, that was so full of his
 ropey. *Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice*.
 ROPE-TRICK. *n. f.* [*rope* and *trick*.] Probably rogue's tricks;
 tricks that deserve the halter.
 She may perhaps call him half a score knaves, or so: an
 he begin once, he'll rail in his rope-tricks. *Shakespeare*.
 ROPEY. *adj.* [from *rope*.] Vicious; tenacious; glutinous.
 Ask for what price thy venal tongue was sold;
 Tough, wither'd truffles, *ropey* wine, a dish
 Of shotten herrings, or stale stinking fish. *Dryden's Jon.*
 Take care
 Thy muddy beverage to serene, and drive
 Precipitant the biter *ropey* lees. *Philips*.
 ROQUELAURE. *n. f.* [French.] A cloak for men.
 Within the *roque-laure's* clasp thy hands are pent. *Gay*.
 ROSEATION. *n. f.* [*rosi*, Latin.] A falling of dew. *Dist.*

ROS

- ROSID. *n. f.* [*rosidus*, Lat.] Dewy.
 A vehicle conveys it through less accessible cavities into the
 liver, from thence into the veins, and so in a *rosid* substance
 through the capillary cavities. *Bacon's Vulgar Errors*.
 ROSIFEROUS. *adj.* [*ros* and *fero*, Lat.] Producing dew. *Dist.*
 ROSIFLUENT. *adj.* [*ros* and *fluo*, Lat.] Flowing with dew. *Dist.*
 ROSARY. *n. f.* [*rosarium*, Lat.] A bunch of beads, on which
 the Romanists number their prayers.
 No *rosary* this votive needs,
 Her very syllables are beads. *Cleveland*.
 Every day propound to yourself a *rosary* or a chaplet of
 good works, to present to God at night. *Taylor*.
 ROSCID. *adj.* [*rosidus*, Lat.] Dewy; abounding with dew;
 consisting of dew.
 Wine is to be forborn in consumptions, for the spirits of
 wine prey upon the *rosid* juice of the body. *Bacon*.
 The ends of rainbows fall more upon one kind of earth
 than upon another; for that earth is most *rosid*. *Bacon*.
 ROSE. *n. f.* [*rosa*, Fr. *rosa*, Lat.] A flower.
 The flower of the *rose* is composed of several leaves, which
 are placed circularly, and expand in a beautiful order, whose
 leafy flower-cup afterward becomes a roundish or oblong fleshy
 fruit inclosing several angular hairy seeds; to which may be
 added, it is a weak pithy shrub, for the most part beset with
 prickles, and hath pinnated leaves: the species are, 1. The
 wild briar, dog *rose*, or hep-tree. 2. Wild briar or dog *rose*,
 with large prickly levs. 3. The greater English apple-bearing
rose. 4. The dwarf wild *rose*, with variegated leaves.
 5. The striped Scotch *rose*. 6. The sweet briar or eglantine.
 7. Sweet briar, with a double flower. All the other sorts of
roses are originally of foreign growth, but are hardly enough
 to endure the cold of our climate in the open air, and pro-
 duce beautiful and fragrant flowers. *Miller*.
 Make use of thy salt hours, season the slaves
 For tubs and baths, bring down the *rose* cheek'd youth
 To th' tub fast and the diet. *Shakespeare, Timon of Athens*.
 Patience thou young and *rose* lipp'd cherubin. *Shakespeare*.
 Let us crown ourselves with *rose* buds, before they be wi-
 ther'd. *William II. 8*.
 This way of procuring autumnal *roses* will, in most *rose*
 bushes, fail; but, in some good bearers, it will succeed.
 Here without thorn the *rose*. *Milton*.
 For her th' un fading *rose* of Eden blooms. *Pope*.
 To speak under the *Rose*. To speak any thing with safety, so as
 not afterwards to be discovered.
 By desiring a secrecy to words *spoke* under the *rose*, we
 mean, in society and computation, from the ancient custom in
 synopsack meetings, to wear chaplets of *roses* about their
 heads. *Brown's Vulgar Errors*.
 ROSE, pret. of *rise*.
 Eve *rose* and went forth 'mong her flow'rs. *Milton*.
 ROSEATE. *adj.* [*rosatus*, Fr. from *rose*.]
 1. Rosy; full of roses.
 I come, ye ghosts! I prepare your *roseate* bow'rs,
 Celestial palms and ever blooming flow'rs. *Pope*.
 2. Blooming, fragrant, purple, as a *rose*.
 ROSEN. *adj.* [from the noun.] crimsoned; flushed.
 Can you blame her, being a maid yet *rosed* over with the
 virgin crimson of modesty, if she deny the appearance of a
 naked blind boy. *Shakespeare, Henry V*.
 ROSE-MALLOW. *n. f.* Is in every respect larger than the com-
 mon mallow; the leaves are rougher, and the plant grows
 almost shrubby. *Miller*.
 ROSEMARY. *n. f.* [*rosmarinus*, Lat.] Is a verticillate plant,
 with a labiated flower, consisting of one leaf, whose upper
 lip or crest is cut into two parts, and turns up backward with
 crooked stamina or chives; but the under lip or beard is di-
 vided into three parts, the middle segment being hollow like
 a spoon; out of the two or three-toothed flower-cup rises the
 point, attended, as it were, by four embryos, which after-
 ward turn to so many seeds that are roundish, and are in-
 closed in the flower-cup. *Miller*.
 Bedlam beggars, with roaring voices,
 Strike in their numb'd and mortify'd bare arms
 Pins, wooden pricks, nails, sprigs of *rosemary*;
 And with this horrible object, from low farms,
 Inforce their charity. *Shakespeare, King Lear*.
 Around their cell
 Set rows of *rosemary* with flowering stem. *Dryden*.
Rosemary is small, but a very odoriferous shrub; the princi-
 pal use of it is to perfume chambers, and in decoctions for
 washing. *Mortimer's Husbandry*.
 The neighbours
 Follow'd with willful look the damsel bier,
 Sprig'd *rosemary* the lads and lasses bore. *Gay*.
 ROSE-NOBLE. *n. f.* An English gold coin, in value anciently
 sixteen shillings. *Dist.*
 The succeeding kings coined *rose-nobles* and double *rose*-
 nobles, the great sovereigns with the same inscription, *Johannes*
quintus transiens per medium eorum ibat. *Camden's Remains*.

ROT

- ROSEWATER. *n. f.* [*rose* and *water*.] Water distilled from
 roses.
 Attend him with a silver basin
 Full of *rosewater*. *Shakespeare*.
 His drink should be cooling; as fountain water with *rose*-
 water and sugar of roses. *Wileman's Surgery*.
 ROSET. *n. f.* [from *rose*.] A red colour for painters.
 Grind ceruls with a weak water of gum-lake, *roset*, and
 vermilion, which maketh it a fair carnation. *Peacocks*.
 ROSEIER. *n. f.* [*rozier*, Fr.] A rosebush.
 Her yellow golden hair
 Was trimly woven, and in tresses wrought,
 Ne other tire she on her head did wear,
 But crown'd with a garland of sweet *rozier*. *Fairy Queen*.
 ROSIN. *n. f.* [properly *resin*; *resine*, Fr. *resina*, Lat.]
 1. Insipidated turpentine; a juice of the pine.
 The billows from the kindling prow retire,
 Pitch, *rosin*, tearwood on red wings aspire. *Garth*.
 2. Any insipidated matter of vegetables that dissolves in spirit.
 Tea contains little of a volatile spirit; its *rosin* or fixed oil,
 which is bitter and astringent, cannot be extracted but by
 rectified spirit. *Arbutnot on Aliments*.
 To RO'SIN. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To rub with rosin.
 Bouzebeus who could sweetly sing,
 Or with the *rosin* d'bow torment the string. *Gay*.
 RO'SINY. *adj.* [from *rosin*.] Resembling rosin. The example
 should perhaps be *rosely*. See ROSSEL.
 The best soil is that upon a sandy gravel or *rosiny* sand. *Temple*.
 RO'SSEL. *n. f.*
 A true *rosel* or light land, whether white or black, is what
 they are usually planted in. *Mortimer's Husbandry*.
 RO'SSELLY. *adj.* [from *rosel*.]
 In Essex, moory land is thought to be the most proper:
 that which I have observed to be the best soil is a *roselly* top,
 and a brick earthy bottom. *Mortimer's Husbandry*.
 RO'STRATED. *adj.* [*rostratus*, Lat.] Adorned with beaks of
 ships.
 He brought to Italy an hundred and ten *rostrated* galleies of
 the fleet of Mithridates. *Arbutnot*.
 RO'STRUM. *n. f.* [Latin.]
 1. The beak of a bird.
 2. The beak of a ship.
 3. The scaffold whence orators harangued.
 Vespasian erected a column in Rome, upon whose top was
 the prow of a ship, in Latin *rostrum*, which gave name to
 the common pleading place in Rome, where orations were
 made, being built of the prows of those ships of Antium,
 which the Romans overthrew. *Peacocks on Drawing*.
 Myself shall mount the *rostrum* in his favour,
 And strive to gain his pardon from the people. *Addison*.
 4. The pipe which conveys the distilling liquor into its receiver
 in the common alembicks; also a crooked scissars, which the
 surgeons use in some cases for the dilatation of wounds. *Quin*.
 RO'SY. *adj.* [*rosus*, Lat.] Resembling a rose in bloom, beau-
 ty, colour, or fragrance.
 When the *rosy* finger'd morning fair,
 Weary of aged Tithon's sallow bed,
 Had spied her purple robe through dewy air. *Fa. Queen*.
 A smile that glow'd
 Celestial *rosy* red, love's proper hue. *Milton*.
 Fairest blossom! do not slight
 That age, which you may know so soon;
 The *rosy* morn renews her light,
 And milder glory to the noon. *Waller*.
 The *rosy* finger'd morn appears,
 And from her mantle shakes her tears,
 In promise of a glorious day.
 As Thessalian steeds the race adorn,
 So *rosy* colour'd Helen is the pride
 Of Lacedemon, and of Greece beside. *Dryden*.
 While blooming youth and gay delight
 Sit on thy *rosy* cheeks confest,
 Thou hast, my dear, undoubted right
 To triumph o'er this destin'd breast. *Prior*.
 To ROT. *v. n.* [*rotan*, Saxon; *rotten*, Dutch.] To putrify;
 to lose the cohesion of its parts.
 A man may *rot* even here.
 From hour to hour we ripe and ripe,
 And then from hour to hour we rot and rot.
 Being more nearly expost to the air and weather, the bo-
 dies of the animals would suddenly corrupt and *rot*; the bones
 would likewise all *rot* in time, except those which were se-
 cured by the extraordinary strength of their parts. *Woodward*.
 To ROT. *v. a.* To make putrid; to bring to corruption.
 No wood shone that was cut down alive, but such as was
 rotted in stock and root while it grew. *Bacon*.
 Frowning Autfer seeks the southern sphere,
 And *rot*, with endless rain, th' unwholome year. *Dryden*.
 ROT. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
 1. A distemper among sheep, in which their lungs are wasted.
 In an unlucky grange, the sheep died of the *rot*, the swine
 of the mange, and not a goose or duckling throve. *B. John*.
 The